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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 January 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 and 38-63 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 and 38-63 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 20 July 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on 1/5/07. Accordingly, claims 28-37 and 64-73 have been previously canceled and claims 1-27 and 38-63 are currently pending in this application.
2. Applicant's request for reconsideration of the finality of the rejection of the last Office action is persuasive and, therefore, the finality of that action is withdrawn.

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments, filed 1/5/07, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1-27 and 38-63 under 35 USC 103 have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of a new prior art reference.

Claim Objections

2. Claims 1, 23, 25 and 27 are objected to because of the following informalities:
3. In claim 1, line 1, "proving" should be replaced with "providing".
4. Claim 23 is missing a period.
5. In claim 25, line 1, "as" should be replaced with "an".
6. In claim 27, line 5, "compute" should be replaced with "computer".
7. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

8. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

9. Claims 1, 9, 11, 13 – 16, 18 – 22, 26, 27, 38, 46, 48, 50-53, 55 – 59 and 63 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Foster, Jr. et al. (US 6,016,313).

Regarding claims 1 and 38, Foster teaches a point to multipoint communication system (Fig. 1, 100) for providing wireless communication between a hub (101) and plural remote nodes (150-152), wherein said communication system is adapted to provide plural levels of communication capacity between the hub and the plural remote nodes (col. 10, lines 20-24), said communication system comprising:

said plural nodes (Figs. 1 and 4; 150-152), each comprising: a remote wireless communication link interface (Fig. 4, antenna 420) for providing wireless communication with said hub (see Fig. 1); and an interface (480) operatively connected to one or more remote computer systems (LAN 490);

said hub comprising a plurality of wireless communication link interfaces (Fig. 2C; antennas 200) for providing wireless communication with said plural nodes (see Fig. 1); a first communication signal processor (modem 240) operatively connected to said plurality of wireless communication link interfaces (see Fig. 2C); a communication controller (Figs. 2C and 7; CPU 260) operatively connected to an external computer

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system (backbone 160); a bus structure (Fig. 7, between CPU 260 and modems 240 and 700) operatively connected to said first communication signal processor (modem 240) and to said communication controller (CPU 260), wherein said bus structure is adapted to accept plural communication signal processors (modems 240 and 700) and operatively connect said plural communication signal processor to said communication controller to thereby provide plural levels of communication capacity between the hub and the plural nodes (col. 10, lines 20-24).

Regarding claims 9 and 46, Foster teaches said first communication signal processor comprising a modem (Fig. 2C, modem 240).

Regarding claims 11 and 48, Foster teaches the modem capable of providing communications at multiple levels of information density (col. 7, lines 4-6).

Regarding claims 13 and 50, Foster teaches each one of said plurality of wireless communication link interfaces comprising a radio including an antenna with a predetermined beamwidth to provide communications to a predetermined sector (col. 6, lines 8-13).

Regarding claims 14 and 51, Foster teaches radios operating using a common intermediate frequency (col. 11, lines 32-43) and ones of said radios operating using a radio frequency that is different than the radio frequency of the others of said radios (col. 7, lines 58-65).

Regarding claims 15 and 52, Foster teaches said radios operating in the millimeter frequency range (col. 5, lines 20-21).

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Regarding claims 16 and 53, Foster teaches ones of said predetermined sectors operating using a communication channel that is different than the communication channels of the others of said predetermined sectors wherein said communication channels comprise a forward portion and a reverse portion (col. 6, lines 8-13; col. 8, lines 1-3).

Regarding claims 18, 19, 20, 55, 56 and 57, Foster teaches TDD, TDMA and FDMA channels (col. 3, lines 15-16).

Regarding claims 21 and 58, Foster teaches asymmetric time division duplexing (col. 24, lines 48-63).

Regarding claims 22 and 59, Foster teaches said asymmetry is dynamically adjustable as a function of the ratio of the forward portion and the reverse portion of the communication channel (col. 24, lines 48-63).

Regarding claims 26 and 63, Foster teaches the system comprising multiple hubs (Fig. 6, hubs 101 and 620).

Regarding claim 27, Foster teaches a hub (Fig. 1, 101) geographically located in a predetermined location and adapted to be operatively connected to a computer network (backbone 160) for the communication of bursty data between the computer network and the hub (col. 4, lines 43-54), said hub comprising:

a plurality of wireless communication link interfaces (Fig. 2C; antennas 200) for providing wireless communication with said plural nodes (see Fig. 1);

a first communication signal processor (modem 240) operatively connected to said plurality of wireless communication link interfaces (see Fig. 2C); and

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a communication controller (Fig. 2C and 7; CPU 260) operatively connected to said first communication signal processor (modem 240) and to said computer network (160; see Fig. 2C); and

a plurality of nodes (Fig. 1 and 4; 150-152) each geographically spaced from said hub and adapted to be operatively connected to a computer network (LAN 120) other than the computer network to which said hub is adapted to be connected for the communication of bursty data between the node and the computer network to which connected (see Fig. 1), each one of said plurality of nodes comprising:

a remote wireless communication link interface (Fig. 4, antenna 420) for providing wireless communication with said hub (see Fig. 1); and an interface (480) operatively connected to said computer network (LAN) other than the computer network to which said hub is adapted to be connected (see Fig. 1);

the improvement comprising a bus structure (Fig. 7, between CPU 260 and modems 240 and 700) operatively connected to said first communication signal processor (modem 240) and to said communication controller (CPU 260), wherein said bus structure is adapted to accept plural communication signal processors (modems 240 and 700) and operatively connect said plural communication signal processors to said communication controller to thereby provide plural levels of communication capacity between the hub and the plural nodes (col. 10, lines 20-24).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

10. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

11. Claims 2, 3 – 8, 17, 23 – 25, 39 – 45, 54 and 60 – 62 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Foster, Jr. et al. (US 6,016,313), in view of Carney (US 6,011,785).

Regarding claims 2 and 39, Foster teaches a plurality of wireless communication link interfaces, but fails to explicitly disclose the link interfaces adapted to be interchangeably connected to any one of a plurality of communication signal processors.

However, Carney teaches link interfaces being interchangeably connected to any one of a plurality of communication signal processors (col. 11, lines 17-27).

In view of this, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to modify Foster's system by interchanging the link interfaces with multiple signal processors, in order to provide a more adaptable connection to the processors.

Regarding claims 3 and 40, Foster teaches a second communication signal processor operatively connected to at least one of the plurality of wireless communication link interfaces and to said bus structure (Fig. 7). Foster fails to explicitly disclose at least one of the plurality of wireless communication link interfaces disconnected from said first

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communication signal processor so as to be connected to said second communication signal processor.

However, Carney teaches at least one wireless communication link interface (Fig. 1, antenna 11) disconnected from said first communication signal processor (DSP 18) so as to be connected to said second communication signal processor (col. 10, lines 46-54; wherein the DSPs are allocated as needed).

In view of this, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to disconnect a link interface from a first signal processor to connect to a second signal processor, so as to adjust to the change in system resources and provide communication via another signal processor.

Regarding claims 4 and 41, Foster teaches the addition of said second communication signal processor increasing the communication capacity between the hub and the plural nodes (col. 11, lines 6-7). Foster fails to explicitly disclose the second signal processor substantially doubling the communication capacity.

However, it would have been obvious for the communication capacity to double, since the addition of signal processors increase the capacity to some degree; the degree being twice that of the current capacity.

Regarding claims 5 and 42, Foster teaches the plurality of wireless communication link interfaces establishes a wireless communication link with at least a one of the plural nodes (Figs. 1 and 2C) whereby each one of said wireless communication links is substantially independent of the others of said wireless communication links (col. 7, lines 48-56).

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Regarding claims 6 and 43, Foster teaches the first and second communication signal processors and each of the plurality of wireless communication link interfaces operating using a common intermediate frequency (col. 11, lines 32-43).

Regarding claims 7 and 44, Foster teaches the communication controller capable of directing information from the external computer system to certain ones of the plural nodes by directing the information to the communication signal processors associated with the wireless communication link between the hub and said certain ones of the plural nodes (col. 13, lines 66-67; col. 14, lines 1-12).

Regarding claims 8 and 45, Foster teaches an external computer selected from the group consisting of: a public switched telephone network, a private network, a private branch exchange, a router, a fiber optic network, and the internet (col. 4, lines 47-54).

Regarding claims 17 and 54, Foster teaches communication channels, but fails to explicitly disclose the communication channel as a code division multiple access channel.

However, Carney discloses a CDMA communication channel (col. 4, lines 49-54). In view of this, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to include a CDMA channel, so as to provide communication by various forms of wireless interface standards.

Regarding claims 23 and 60, Foster teaches a plurality of communication signal processors (Fig. 7; modems 240 and 700) whereby each one of the plurality of communication signal processors is operatively connected to: a separate one of said

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plurality of wireless communication link interfaces (Fig. 8, antennas 200); and the bus structure (between CPU 260 and modems 240 and 700).

Regarding claims 24 and 61, Foster teaches the same limitations described above in the rejection of claims 5 and 42.

Regarding claims 25 and 62, Foster teaches an additional communication signal processor operatively connected to the bus structure and to a plurality of wireless communication link interfaces to thereby increase capacity (col. 10, lines 20-24). Foster fails to explicitly teach the addition of a processor to thereby establish a redundant wireless communication link. However, Examiner takes official notice that it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to realize an additional processor can be used to create a redundant communication link, in order to accommodate an increase in information capacity.

12. Claims 10, 12, 47 and 49 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Foster, Jr. et al. (US 6,016,313).

Regarding claims 10 and 47, Foster teaches a modem, but fails to explicitly disclose the modem as a multiport modem.

However, Examiner takes official notice that it is well known in the art for a modem to be a multiport modem, so as to provide multiple ports for communicating data.

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Regarding claims 12 and 49, Foster teaches control signals controlling the level of information density (col. 7, lines 36-37), but fails to explicitly disclose the communication controller controlling the information density.

However, it would have been obvious for the communication controller to control the information density, since the controller sends control signals related to the transmission of data.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rhonda Murphy whose telephone number is (571) 272-3185. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 8:00 - 4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chau Nguyen can be reached on (571) 272-3126. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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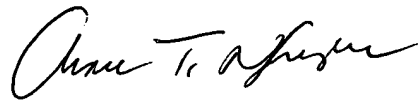
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